

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Christophe RONSIN et al.  
Title: PEPTIDE COMPUND DERIVED FROM A  
SHIFTED ORF OF THE ICE GENE  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Box PCT  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, the applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as indicated. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked-up Version of Amended Paragraphs."

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 22 and ending on line 31 with the following paragraph: